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Falls Church City Reminds Residents to Display Green Decals to Avoid Fines

FALLS CHURCH, VA. - Falls Church City residents, including military personnel, are reminded that they must display their green Falls Church City decals for tax year 2006 on all vehicles or risk receiving a ticket and a fine. Law enforcement officers will check vehicle decals closely beginning Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2005.

Police and/or Sheriff departments from Alexandria City, Fairfax City, Falls Church City, Manassas City, Arlington County, Fairfax County, Loudoun County, Prince William County, the Town of Herndon, and the Town of Middleburg participate in a region-wide enforcement effort commencing on Wednesday, Nov. 16. Decals should be affixed to the right of the state Safety Inspection sticker when looking at the windshield from inside the vehicle. All decals from prior years should be removed before affixing the current one. Motorcycle decals should be affixed to the bike's fork next to the state Safety Inspection sticker.

By law, the deadline for displaying the green 2006 decals was midnight Nov. 15. On or after Nov. 16, law enforcement personnel in participating jurisdictions will issue tickets to drivers of vehicles without decals or with expired decals (e.g. last year's red decal).

Vehicles can be registered at the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, which is located in Room 104 of the East Wing of City Hall at 300 Park Ave. in Falls Church City. Contact the Commissioner's Office at 703-248-5018 or e-mail commissioner@fallshurchva.gov. The vehicle registration form is also available on the City's Web site at www.fallshurchva.gov; it is the last item under the "Services" heading and it can be downloaded, completed, and faxed to 703-248-5212 along with the vehicle's DMV registration card.

Residents who have paid the 2005 personal property tax and have not received the green 2006 decal must contact the Treasurer's Office at 703-248-5046 or e-mail ftreas@aol.com. Decal fees are \$25/car, truck, or van weighing less than 7500 lbs; \$24/motorcycle; and \$24/taxicab. Call for decal fees for commercial vehicles. There is no prorated fee for decals. Vehicle decals will be issued at no cost to active duty military personnel who reside in the City due to military orders and who are the sole owners of vehicles garaged or parked in the City and who maintain their legal residences in a state other than Virginia. Vehicles with out-of-state license plates are required to display a City decal if they are garaged in the City.

Residents requesting assistance removing the old decal and applying the new one are invited to participate in Commissioner Tom Clinton's new "Drive-Up and Scrape-Off" decal program. Contact the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-248-5018 during normal business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a staff member will scrape off the old decal and affix the new decal. No appointment necessary.

For more information, call the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-248-5018.

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